

MAURY COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION CENTERS
PRIVATE ACT
COUNTY OF MAURY- COMMISSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION

A Private Act regulating Maury County Parks and Recreation Centers, which shall govern the use and operation of Maury County Parks and Recreation Centers.

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Definitions

Section 1: Whenever used in this Private Act, the following respective terms, unless otherwise therein expressly defined, shall mean and include each of the meaning herein respectively set forth.

- A. "Board": For the purpose of the Private Act means Board of County Commissioners of Maury County.
- B. "Bridle Path or Trail": Any path or trail maintained for persons riding on horseback.
- C. "Commission": The Maury County Board of Park Commissioners established and authorized by the State of Tennessee Private Act 1957, chapter 296, to serve as the recreation advisory board for the County of Maury.
- D. "County": For the purpose of this Private Act means Maury County.
- E. "Department": The Department of Parks and Recreation.
- F. "Foot Path or Trail": Any path or trail maintained for pedestrians.
- G. "Holder": Any person to which a permit is issued and which is non-transferable.
- H. "Owner": Any person, firm, association, co-partnership, or corporation, owning, easing, operating, or having the exclusive use of a vehicle, animal or any other recreation areas and structures owned, operated or leased by the county.
- I. "Park": The term park or parks, unless specifically limited shall be deemed to include all parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, parkways, water areas, or other recreation areas and structures owned, operated or leased by the county.
- J. "Permits": Any written license issued by or under authority of the Department, permitting the performance of a specified act or acts.

- K. "Persons:" Any natural person, corporation, company, association, joint stock association, firm, or co-partnership.
- L. "Regulation": Any regulation duly adopted by the commission and posted as a Parks and Recreation Centers regulation.
- M. "Unnecessary Stopping": Bringing a vehicle to a complete stop at a point other than a parking place, or other than in conformity with State of Tennessee vehicle and traffic laws and other than because of a defect in said vehicle.
- N. "Vehicle": Any wheeled conveyance, whether motor powered or animal driven, including, but not limited to: motor bikes, motorcycles, except self-powered bicycles, wheel chairs and similar vehicles, baby carriages and vehicles in service of the county parks.
- O. "Excessive Noise": Any noise by radio or amplification device or other reason that is disturbing or distracting (at a distance of 50 or more feet) to the public or employee of the park.

Construction and Scope of Regulations

Section 2: Construction: In the interpretation of this Private Act:

- 1) Any terms in the singular shall include the plural; 2) Any term in the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter; 3) Any requirement or prohibition of any act shall, respectively, extend to and include the causing or procuring, directly or indirectly, of such act; 4) No provision hereof shall make unlawful any act necessarily performed in line of duty or work as such, or by any person, his agents or employees, in the proper and necessary execution of the terms of any agreement with the County or the Department; 5) Any act otherwise prohibited by law or local ordinance, shall be lawful if performed under, by virtue of any restrictions within the provisions or a permit to do so, and to the extent authorized thereby; and 6) this Private Act is in addition to and supplement the State Vehicle and Traffic Laws which are in force in all parks and which are incorporated here in and made a part here of.

Section 3: Territorial Scope: This Private Act shall be effective within and upon all Parks and shall regulate the use thereof by all persons.

Section 4: Permits. The Department is allowed to issue permits, consistent with the rules and regulations that have been made known by the Commission for the use of Parks. A permit to do any act shall authorize the same only in so far as it may be performed in strict constitute grounds for its revocation by the Department, or by its authorized representative, whose action there in shall be final.

In case of revocation of any permit, all moneys paid for or on an account there of shall, at the option of the Department be forfeited to and be retained by it; and the holder of such permit, together with his agents and employees who violated such terms and conditions, shall be jointly and severally liable to the county for all damages and losses suffered by it in excess of money so forfeited and retained; but neither such forfeiture and retention by the County of the whole or any part of such moneys nor the recovery or collection thereby of such damages, or both, shall in any manner relieve such person or persons from liability for punishment for any violation of any provisions of the Private Act.

Preservation of the Park

Section 1: Flowers, Plants, Minerals, etc. No person shall remove, destroy, cut down, scar, mutilate, injure, take, or gather in any manner; any tree, flower, fern, shrub, rock, or other plant or mineral in any park unless authorized by permit.

Section 2: Buildings, Signs, Structures, Etc. No person shall in any manner injure, deface, disturb, destroy, or disfigure any part of any park, nor any building, sign, equipment, or other property found therein.

Reference: Vandalism: TCA 39-14-408

Refuse and Rubbish

Section 3: Disposal of Refuse, Garbage, Etc. No person shall deposit in any part of any park any garbage, sewerage refuse, waste, fruit, vegetables, foodstuffs, boxes, tin cans, paper, or other litter or other waste material of obnoxious material, except in containers designated for such purposes.

Section 4: Pollution of Waters. No person shall pollute the streams, lakes, or other waters of any park in any manner, bathe pets, wash vehicles, or clothing or throw, cast, lay, drop, or discharge into or leave in the streams, lakes or other waters of the park or in any storm sewer or drain flowing into said waters, any substance, matter or thing, liquid or solid which may or shall result in the pollution of said waters. Bathing of farm animals in provided areas is permitted.

Traffic and Parking

Section 5A: Vehicles, Where Prohibited. No person shall drive a vehicle in any park within or upon a safety zone, walk, bridle path, bicycle trail, jogging trails, fire truck trail, service road, or any part of any park not so designated by the Department as a road way.

Section 5B: No person shall operate any go-cart, minibike, dirt bike or motorized cycle, except those that regularly licensed vehicles and operators may have access to streets and roadways within the parks to the same extent as public streets, subject to the traffic rules of this article.

Section 5C: No person shall ride a bicycle on other than the right-hand side of a paved vehicular road or paths designated for that purpose; or fail to keep in single file when two or more bicycles are operating as a group. A bicyclist shall be permitted to wheel or push a bicycle by hand over any grassy area or wooded trail or on any paved area reserved for pedestrian use. In addition, the use of bikes, scooters, skateboards, or skates in spectator or other designated areas will be prohibited.

Section 5D: No person shall ride any other person over the age of six (6) years of age on a single passenger bicycle in any park. All persons under the age of 18 must have helmets for bikes and protective pads and helmets for skating and skateboarding.

Section 5F: No person shall ride a bicycle on any road between thirty minutes after sunset and thirty minutes before sunrise without an attached headlight plainly visible for at least 200 feet from the front, and without a red tail light or red reflector plainly visible from at least 100 feet from the rear of such bicycle.

Section 6: Parking: No owner or driver shall cause or permit a vehicle to stand anywhere in any park outside of designated parking spaces, except a reasonable time in a drive to receive or discharge passengers.

Section 7: Obstruction Traffic: No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to obstruct traffic by unnecessary stopping.

Section 8: Speed Limit. Rate of speed in excess of fifteen (15) miles per hour is prohibited.

Section 9: Horses. No person shall use, ride, walk, or drive a horse except to, from, or along a bridle path or other designated areas.

Pets

Section 10: Pets: Pets allowed in parks shall be attended and on a leash not more than six (6) feet long.

Section 11: No pets of any kind, with exception of Service Dogs (seeing eye dogs, handicap assistance or hearing dogs) permitted in spectator areas or other designated areas.

Section 12: Hunting. No person within the confines of any park shall hunt, pursue, trap, shoot, injure, kill, or molest in any way, any bird or animal, except by permit, nor shall any person have any wild or dangerous bird or animal in his possession within any park.

Section 13: Firearms. No person except duly authorized local, State, or Federal law enforcement officers, employees, or officers of the County or Department shall carry, possess, or discharge firearms of **any** description (including air guns or paint ball guns) within any park.

Section 14: Explosives. No person shall bring into or have in any park an explosive or explosive substances, this includes but not limited to fireworks.

Section 15: Fires, Lighted Cigarette, Etc. No person shall kindle, build, maintain, or use a fire other than in places provided or designated for such purposes, except by special permit. Any fire shall be continuously under the care and direction of a competent person over sixteen years of age from the time it is kindled until it is extinguished. No person within the confines of any park shall throw away or discard any lighted match, cigarette, cigar, or other burning object. All objects must be entirely extinguished before being thrown away or discarded.

Alcoholic Beverages and Disorderly Conduct

Section 16: Alcoholic Beverages. It shall be unlawful for any person to consume or possess alcoholic beverages of any kind in any county park. All illegal drug use is also forbidden.

Section 17: Disorderly Conduct. No person shall willfully and intentionally disobey a lawful order of a Park Superintendent, Warden, Caretaker, Ranger, Law Enforcement officer, nor use abusive, profane, or insulting language; nor unreasonably disturb or annoy others; nor be under the influence of intoxicants; nor do any act tending to or amounting to a breach of the peace nor conduct himself in any disorderly manner whatsoever. Reference: TCA 39-17-305, 55-8-104, and 39-17-306

Section 18: Enforcement. Enforcement of these amendments shall be as provided in Section 18 of the Private Act entitled "Maury County Parks and Recreation Centers Private Act- County of Maury- Commission of Parks and Recreation."

Park Rangers and any Law Enforcement officer of Maury County or local municipality shall have the duty and responsibility to enforce this Private Act and shall be empowered to issue citations when in their judgment any provisions of the Parks and Recreation Center Private Act have been violated.

Section 19: Excess Noise. No Person shall willfully cause excessive noise, either by radio, amplification, or by other means, that is disturbing to the public or park staff at a distance of fifty (50) or more feet.

Commercial Enterprises, Advertising, Meeting, Exhibitions, Etc.

Section 20: Commercial Enterprises. No person shall, in any park, sell or offer sale, hire, lease, or let out any object or merchandise, any building, booth, tent, staff, or any other structure whatsoever or charge admission to any meeting, exhibition, contest, or event, except under permit.

Section 21: Advertising. No sign, notice, or advertisements of any nature shall be erected or posted at any place within any park without permission in writing from the Department; nor shall any musical instrument, radio, talking machine, or drum be operated or any noise be made for the purpose of attracting attention to any exhibition of any kind except by permit.

Section 22: Alms and Contributions. No person shall within any park solicit alms or contributions for any purpose except by permit.

Section 23: Closing and Opening Hours. The Commission shall have the authority for establishing open and closing hours of all parks. All persons shall leave the park as specified by the Commission or under permit.

Charges

Section 24: No person shall make, use or gain admittance to, or attempt to use or gain admittance to the facilities in any park for the use of which a charge is made by the Department unless he shall pay the charge or price fixed by the Board.

The violation of any of the provisions of this Private Act shall be a misdemeanor and punished by fine not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) or imprisonment, not to exceed eleven (11) months, twenty-nine (29) days or both, in the discretion of the court.

***NOTE* All citations or arrests resulting from violations of this Private Act shall be set in Maury County General Sessions Court Part 1 or Part II.**